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Hartford Man Sentenced for Unlicensed Receipt of Explosive Materials

United States Attorney Ron Parsons announced that a Hartford, South Dakota, man convicted of Unlicensed Receipt of Explosive Materials was sentenced on January 7, 2020, by U.S. District Judge Karen E. Schreier.

Gerald "Jerry" Eldon Gosmire, age 60, was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison, followed by 2 years of supervised release, and a special assessment to the Federal Crime Victims Fund in the amount of \$100.

Gosmire was indicted by a federal grand jury on July 9, 2019. He pled guilty on November 1, 2019.

On November, 27, 2018, law enforcement officers searched Gosmire's property pursuant to a search warrant. During the search, 37 explosive devices were found. A permit was required to possess explosive devices of that nature and Gosmire did not have one.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Secret Service. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey C. Clapper prosecuted the case.

Gosmire was immediately turned over to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.